

The Klan Story

That the Ku Klux Klan is still very much alive and operating almost next door to Frederick County, filling the air with hatred and venomous bigotry, was brought to our readers' attention by a well-thought out page by staff writer Neil Sandler earlier this week.

Armed with camera and tape recorder, Reporter Sandler captured the devious spirit of the gathering of the Klansmen from throughout the state.

While dealing at some length on the subject of the revitalization of the Klan, the article clearly explains that the organization which seeks anonymity of its members through its symbolic white sheets is alive, active, and instilling in the minds of followers the fanaticism so alien to the American dream.

Speakers at the rally reiterated their belief in the supremacy of the white race, appealing to the base emotions of their followers through the "threat" which exists to them by socialists, blacks, Jews and or communists or Catholics. One speaker even glorified Adolf Hitler as a person who knew about the "threat to his nation."

This newspaper abhors such biased and brazen arrogance as demonstrated by the speakers at the rally. The article was given prominence, not to dignify the Klan, but to dramatically point out that such bigoted hate-purveyors are not only alive in our land, but are growing and are infecting America just a few minutes' drive from Frederick.

While some few people may be swayed into the Klan movement, by the article, we feel that publication of the article about the meeting has done more to warn our readers of the possible threat to democracy and to rally Frederick County against this and all other demagogic thought.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Neil Sandler also authored the outstanding article published March 21 in The News-Post about the recent payment by West German authorities of 15,842.40 Deutch marks (\$6,501.49) to his mother, Mrs. Abe (Francine Boguslawski) Sandler, for the loss of the lives of her father and two brothers at the hands of Hitler's Nazis during World War II.

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It is a timely note that Thursday, May 8, Europe marked the 30th anniversary of the Allied defeat of Nazi Germany. Reports from the Associated Press quoted West German President Walter Scheel on the occasion:

"Our former enemies celebrate V-E Day. The sacrifices they made for their victory over injustice certainly entitle them to do so. We remember their sacrifices and all the dead of the war with profound respect. We do not forget that the liberation came from the outside."

The Manchester Guardian in what the AP said was the only reference to the anniversary in British newspapers declared in an editorial headlined, "Look Back in Agony," that war is futile "and this is one thing the survivors (of World War II) and their children need to remember, lest any of them should be misled again by military bands and a madman as the Germans were in the 1930s. But they should also remember the dead, other peoples as well as their own, if only so as to understand the resentments which can still move nations."

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**NAACP PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO KKK ARTICLE
To The Editor, Sir:**

The NAACP resents the publication of an article on the Ku Klux Klan that was reported by Neil Sandler in the Frederick newspapers on Wednesday, May 7, 1975.

We feel as though the widespread publicity given the Ku Klux Klan is harmful in trying to keep peace in the community, judging from the past and present activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

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County Chapter of the NAACP